

THE PAST YEAR

Prosperity Has Reigned Supreme in Astoria and the County.

PROSPECTS FOR NEW YEAR

Development of the Natural Resources of Astoria and Clatsop County Will Actuate the People to Renew Efforts for Prosperity.

The year 1904, just closed, has been one of the most prosperous in the history of Astoria and Clatsop county. It has not been a boom year, but a year of steady, prosperous growth, founded exclusively upon natural location and resources. There has not been a great amount of real estate transfers, for the reason that there is very little available property on the market. There has been no perceptible increase in manufacturing industries, but those already established have had a most prosperous year. In mercantile pursuits there has been a steady increase in all lines. Due in a great measure to increasing population, confidence has been restored in the stability of the city; increased demands for country property for dairying has added materially to the general prosperity of the county. The suburban trade has increased, both in the county and from adjoining towns across the river. New industries have been established giving employment to a large number of men.

There has been a falling off in the salmon pack, the principal industry of Astoria, but this has been more than offset by the increase in the lumber and logging industries. While the pack has fallen off slightly, the aggregate amount of money expended is greater than in any previous season. The canning industry has been increased by large additions to the various plants; new and improved machinery; establishment of ice plants in connection with the cold storage plants, until today Astoria has the largest and best equipped cannery and cold storage plants of any city on the coast. While the output of Columbia river salmon is not as large as that of other sections of the coast, notably Alaska, yet the quality which is unequalled by any other similar product, bringing in a larger price, and known the world over as the finest and most delicious of all food fishes, has brought in a revenue equal to if not more than places where the pack is larger.

Astoria's splendid location, easily accessible to the marts of the world, with transportation by ocean and transcontinental lines, reaching to every prominent city and county in the world, has brought it into prominence as a shipping and commercial point of unequalled advantages. The outlook for the year 1905 is the brightest in the history of the city and county, and the presence of thousands of visitors from the east who will visit the Lewis and Clark fair, coming to Astoria, will result in advertising the city and its boundless resources, its natural advantages and undeveloped resources will no doubt redound to the benefit and upbuilding of the city by the sea.

Many of our own people are not aware of the wonderful strides in advancement; the many improvements made and the vast amount of money expended in the varied industries during the past year. Astoria has grown to such proportions during the past year that it is no longer dependent wholly upon the great salmon industry. And yet Astoria and Clatsop county are still in their infancy, so far as the development of our resources are concerned. Many handsome residences have been built during the past year. New business blocks have been erected, and the construction of the new city hall and court house, will place its public buildings equal to those of any city on the coast. The influx of eastern people and eastern enterprise has augmented and stimulated improvements, and a continuance of the present prosperity is assured. A brief statement of the number of enterprises, the extent of the salmon, lumber and logging industries, with the amount paid out for improvements; the monthly payroll and general progress will be of interest.

Astoria has a population of 14,000, an increase of over 4000 since the cen-

sus of 1900. It is the terminus of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad with transcontinental connections at Portland and Puget Sound. A line of ocean steamers ply between Astoria, San Francisco, all the coast towns north and south. Innumerable water craft run to Ilwaco, Chinook, Grays River, Deep River, Skomakawa, Cathlamet, Lewis and Clark, Olney, Youngs River, all of which are directly tributary to Astoria. Thousands of dollars worth of dairying and farm products are brought from these places and shipped from here to Portland and the east. It is estimated that \$100,000 is annually paid out to farmers and dairymen, most of the money being spent with Astoria merchants. The mercantile establishments of Astoria are equal if not superior to those of any town of its size on the coast. The stores are filled with as fine a line of new and up to date goods as can be found in the largest establishments of Portland and San Francisco. While there are a few drones in the hive of industry, who have made money in years gone by, the most progressive merchants and those who do the business, are the ones who keep their business constantly before the public. Astoria has the finest public schools of any city in the state, with educational facilities unequalled. Five newspapers, three daily and two weekly, are evidence of the fact that its population is a reading and thinking people. Its citizens are hospitable, enterprising and progressive as is evidenced by the great strides made during the year 1904. Astoria is the coming city of Oregon and a continuation of the enterprise inaugurated during the past year will result in an increase of population and general prosperity for the New Year.

THE PARKER CASE

Sensational Developments in the Divorce Proceedings.

INFIDELITY IS ALLEGED

Mrs. Parker Alleges That Her Husband Has Been Unduly Familiar With Other Women, and Has Failed to Provide.

About a year ago a divorce suit was filed in the circuit court by Mrs. Nellie Parker against her husband, E. P. Parker, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment as the grounds for the legal separation. The case was finally compromised by Mr. Parker agreeing to pay a certain amount monthly for the support of his family. He did not live up to his agreement and another divorce suit was brought. Mr. Parker filed his answer to the suit, denying all the allegations, and claiming that his wife had maintained a treatment of cruelty toward him rendering life burdensome. Yesterday Mrs. Parker filed a reply which is sensational in character and a complete refutation of Mr. Parker's claims.

Mrs. Parker, in her reply, alleges that her husband has been extremely cruel to her, and that he made an effort to murder her. From the effects of the beating which he administered to her she says she suffered for some time and almost died. She expresses the firm conviction that it was really the intention of her husband to murder her.

She also cites the condition of herself and her children, declaring that the children have been without sufficient food and clothing. She declares that Captain Parker has been in the habit of sending disolute persons to her for the purpose of frightening her, and that he has sought to injure her character.

It is further alleged in the reply that Captain Parker has been living in notorious lewd cohabitation at the Parker houses with numerous women, and more particularly with one Annie Oliver, now dead. It is asserted that the death of the Oliver woman was the result of an attempted abortion by the defendant or was caused by drugs administered by him with the intention of delivering her of an illegitimate child. The Oliver woman is said to have filed in the spring of 1904, prior to which time, according to the reply, Captain Parker had promised to marry her when he secured a divorce from Mrs. Parker.

SPECIAL SALE

Laces and Embroideries

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1905, 8 A. M.

EVER on the alert to our patrons' interests, a store whose policy is not for today only but for tomorrow and all the great future, we've recently concluded a mammoth purchase which means to our patrons **the greatest money-saving event ever planned and perpetrated in Clatsop County.**

A large Eastern importer of Laces and Embroideries became overstocked, and, not wishing to carry them over another winter, offered his entire surplus stock at 42c on the dollar. We heard about it and took advantage of his misfortune. The result is here awaiting your inspection.

Very finest Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Embroideries, Insertions and Beadings, two to eighteen inches wide, and worth up to 75c. will go on our Bargain Tables Tuesday morning in one grand assortment, at your choice a yard, only **10c**

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All this Season's Styles.

During this sale on the articles mentioned, positively **no goods exchanged, no money refunded, and every transaction made for cash only.**

SEE LARGE WINDOW DISPLAY. Shop early and avoid the afternoon crush.

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BEACH COMBINGS.

For downright cussedness the Kabyles and bandits in and around Tangier are the limit. They frighten children and old ladies, and occasionally abduct some poor old duffer if they catch him on crutches in the dark; moreover the Tangerian hen roosts are never safe. If the government of Morocco will communicate with the writer he will take Deputy Allen Anderson and a squad of Astoria police and run in every petty larceny sneak thief in their flea-bitten, sand-swept empire. Abdul Hammed please write.

The theater-goers of Astoria are a clammy souled lot according to the actors and performers who visit the various houses of amusement.

There is justice in what they say, too.

Applause may not be necessary to appreciate, but it costs nothing, is customary, and it is expected. Moreover it cheers an actor to know that "his house is with him," and he does better work for the knowledge. Actors are sensitive people—most hard drinkers and opium fiends are—but they are not telepathists, and when you pay your money to see them work it's a business proposition to "sic" 'em on and get your money's worth.

Most Astorians seem to be afraid to applaud for fear the others won't, but don't you believe it—they're only waiting for someone to start it. That's what is wearing corns on the ushers' hands now.

Chicago is generally reputed a "swift" town, but not until yesterday was it known that the general "hump" extended to the animals there. The Associated Press announced that about 1000 horses dropped dead on the Tuesday following Christmas on account of having been two days in their stalls. They couldn't stand the inactivity.

I am going to patent a stall with a tread-mill bottom, save the lives of the Chicago Mazepapas, and go down in history as a philanthropist.

This is not the "Linville" column, but there are a lot of stories about the big sheriff of Clatsop county that need telling.

The other evening he took Weary into "The Office" to inject a little enthusiasm into him, and then immediately fell into an argument with a fat drummer over the correct broiling of a family porterhouse (one of the entrees of the sheriff's meals). After winning the discussion on points, Linville said: "Tell you, tho', the best steaks I ever ate I got up at Dunn's 'Broiler,' in Portland when it was running. I ate three times there."

"What became of the place, Tom," asked the fat one.

"It failed," was the reply, and then it took Linville seven minutes to see that the next one was "on" him.

The latest from Porto Rico is that the islanders are dying from the ravages of the "hook worm." This parasite is the result of uncleanness, and the government commissioner recommends sanitation.

A 12 per cent solution of carbolic acid will kill anything. A few carboys of it might be sent down there at nominal expense and given to the afflicted internally to kill the worms. It might kill the islanders, too, but people who are so unclean would never be missed.

The Portland Telegram printed a story Friday of a man who was stabbed and killed at Condon, Ore. After the man was dead the correspondent naively says: "He made a post-mortem statement implicating," etc. This is the first authentic instance since biblical times where a man came back from the Jasper Walls to hand the coroner the needed information. It is just possible though that the correspondent was "balled up" on his Latin, or the telegraph editor was in a trance.

Force of habit is a strange thing. After the performance at Fishers' Friday evening the sky was clear, and not a cloud in sight, but a bunch of old rounders who had been sitting "close up" fled sedately out, lifted their umbrellas and paddled softly down to The Mirror for their nightcap, and failed to notice till they got there that it wasn't raining. They looked like the "foolish virgins."

WEARY WILLIE.

At Fishers.

The largest house of the engagement was present at Fishers' last evening when the Keith company produced the comedy-drama, "The Lighthouse Robbery," and from the continuous applause during the whole of the performance the audience thoroughly enjoyed the play.

Tonight the company will close its engagement after producing the screaming farce comedy "Looking for a Wife." Seats on sale at the opera house after 2 p. m.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.
Chas. Nelson, Oysterville.
Chas. Olson, Deep River.
John Linda, Frankfort.
Paul Sterling, Drain.
Earnest Bryant, Clatskanie.
Hofer and wife, Portland.

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